

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Karjala (D)  
Rep. A. Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Shaw (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 282, 2/14/2017, HB 401, 2/14/2017

**HEARING ON HB 282**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:54 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 282, Grant county commission authority to correct certain election results.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:33 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:35 Rep. Staffanson  
00:13:01 Rep. Cuffe  
00:15:55 Rep. Staffanson  
00:16:02 Rep. Cuffe  
00:18:18 Rep. Custer  
00:22:12 Rep. Cuffe  
00:22:25 Rep. Bachmeier joined meeting  
00:24:13 Rep. Bennett  
00:27:02 Rep. Cuffe  
00:27:18 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County  
00:28:58 Rep. Sales  
00:29:19 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County  
00:29:43 Rep. Sales  
00:30:02 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County  
00:30:53 Rep. Garner  
00:31:20 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County  
00:31:45 Rep. Garner  
00:31:59 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County  
00:32:20 Rep. Custer  
00:33:26 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County  
00:33:43 Rep. Custer  
00:34:01 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)  
00:34:16 Chair Mandeville  
00:34:43 Commissioner Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:07 Rep. Cuffe

**HEARING ON HB 401**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:37:03 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 401, Revise local government and school district levy laws.

**[EXHIBIT\(sth32a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:41:18 Bog Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:20 Rep. Custer  
00:48:51 Rep. Skees  
00:49:10 Rep. Bennett  
00:49:31 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:50:34 Rep. Sales  
00:51:35 Rep. Skees  
00:52:43 Rep. Swanson  
00:53:01 Rep. Skees  
00:53:10 Rep. Swanson  
00:53:21 Rep. Skees  
00:53:50 Rep. Hayman  
00:55:46 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
00:56:48 Rep. Garner  
00:58:36 Rep. Skees  
00:59:42 Rep. Custer  
01:01:12 Rep. Skees  
01:01:38 Rep. Custer  
01:01:58 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
01:02:22 Rep. Staffanson  
01:02:49 Rep. Skees  
01:03:03 Chair Mandeville  
01:04:22 Rep. Skees  
01:04:31 Chair Mandeville  
01:05:29 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
01:06:25 Rep. Custer  
01:07:05 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
01:07:23 Rep. Sales  
01:09:53 Rep. Skees  
01:10:17 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
01:11:11 Rep. Staffanson  
01:11:24 Rep. Skees  
01:11:49 Rep. Webb  
01:12:01 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
01:12:15 Rep. Webb  
01:12:56 Chair Mandeville

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:13:09 Rep. Skees

01:16:04 Chair Mandeville

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:17:01

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth32aad.pdf](#))**